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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, SA

SUBJECT: VIEWS OF PRINCE FAHD ON ISRAELI RAIDS ON LEBANON

REF: STATE 137160 (NOTAL)

1. SAUDI MINISTER OF INTERIOR, PRINCE FAHD, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD READ THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE KING (REFTEL), FOUND IT WAS A GOOD RESPONSE BUT POINTED OUT HOW DIFFICULT AND EMBARRASSING THESE RAIDS MUST BE TO THE UNITED STATES. NO ARAB, HE SAID, CAN MISS THE POINT THAT THE RAIDS ARE CARRIED OUT BY AMERICAN PLANES AND THAT LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS ARE BEING KILLED BY AMERICAN BOMBS.

2. FAHD SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS WERE OVER-REACTING. NO ONE COULD OBJECT TO THEIR CAPTURING TERRORISTS IN ISRAEL, TO THEIR IMPRISONMENT OR EVEN EXECUTION. BUT BOMBING INNOCENT CIVILIANS ONLY UNIFIES THE ARAB WORLD AGAINST ISRAEL AND BY EXTENSION THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE PRINCE'S POINT, BUT SAID THIS WAS NOW OBSCURED--AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS--BY AN IRRATIONAL ACT BY THE ARABS; THE WORLD'S ATTENTION IS NOW FOCUSED ON THE INCREDIBLE RELEASE BY NIMEIRI OF THE KHARTOUM MURDERERS ( SEE SEPTTEL).  
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